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General Information

1. Kian 吉安 Kiangsi Province, China is a city of approximately 100,000 persons according to the 1950 census. Kian maintains direct communication to Nanchang, the capital of Kiangsi by water and bus from Nanchang. Shanghai can be reached by rail. There is also an airport in the northeast part of Kiangsi Province which can be reached by bus and rail through Nanchang.

Community Health Conditions

2. [redacted] I would regard the two most prevalent diseases as TB and dysentery.

Water

3. Kian does not have a public water supply system. The Kan River and individual wells supply the populace with water. The wells occasionally dry up but the river always maintains sufficient water for the people. Never, to my knowledge has the sanitary quality of the river or well water been checked. [redacted] we used well water after boiling. There are no springs in Kian.

Food

4. I know of only inspection by local health personnel of the markets and restaurants, but I don't know their power or any results of the inspections. Milk does not come under any official agency to control the sanitary quality. As there are only three or four milking cows in the entire city, control is no problem.

Kian does not have an operating sewerage system. Human excreta is sold to farmers for fertilizing the fields. Vegetables are grown locally on such land.

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- 6. There is no drainage system in Kian for surface runoff. There are neither storm sewers nor drainage ditches with the result that puddles do collect in low spots throughout the city.
- 7. There is no garbage collection in Kian, nor is refuse of any sort collected with the result that the garbage merely rots in place or is burned. Streets are to be kept clean by each household.
- 8. Burial is the method for disposal of the dead.
- 9. No organized pest control is employed in Kian

Medical and Hospital Facilities

- 10. There are two hospitals available to the people of Kian. They offer medical, dental, nursing and obstetrical facilities but no surgical. I don't know their size or names 50X1  
While Chinese and foreign drugs were available, the medical care was entirely in the hands of Chinese doctors who did not have a particularly high standard of proficiency. Further I would 50X1 sooner trust some of the cures of the local herb doctors than use any drugs of Chinese manufacture.

Local Health and Welfare

- 11. There are given to the general public vaccinations against small pox cholera and typhus.

Conclusions on Health and Sanitation

- 12. 

Health Conditions	- Fair
Sanitation	- Very poor
Available care in	
Medical, Dental	
and Hospital	- Poor
Climatic effect	
on adults	- Poor
Climatic effect	
on children	- Very poor

The only special precautions I suggest to remain in good health are all water should be boiled and food thoroughly cooked. I know of no special hazards which affected infants and children.

Supplemental information

- 13. There were quite a few high schools in Kian but the nearest available college or university was in Nanchang. All high schools taught English.

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